

Remarks:

The preliminary amendment is being filed in an effort to present an application in proper U.S. format, to correct the translation from the German original document where the literal, word by word or dictionary rendering is inadequate, and to present claims in proper U.S. claim idiom for examination.

In the specification as well as the claims, the phrase "consisting of" has been replaced by "consisting essentially of" at each occurrence relating to a mixture of diastereomers because the latter more closely reproduces the meaning of the German "bestehend aus" than the apparent literal equivalent. Those skilled in the art are aware of the German incorporating a notion of essence not considered in United States patent practice. Consequently, no new matter is added.

The amended and newly entered claims are fully supported in the original claims filed in the international application and in the claims submitted on February 23, 2005, as well as in the claims of the priority application.

An early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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